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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

USOFFICE RFC PARIS

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TAGS: ABUD, AFSP, AFEN, EAID

SUBJECT: ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE FOR AID CONTRACTORS

REF: DAMASCUS 4381

1. SINCE SYRIA NEAR-EXCESS CURRENCY COUNTRY, PROVISIONS IN 4 FAM 360 RELATIVE TO THIS STATUS MUST APPLY. WE DO NOT SEE THIS AS A MATTER FOR EMBASSY CONCERN SINCE, FOR EXAMPLE, SECTION 104(J) OF P.L. 480 WHICH AUTHORIZES SALE OF U.S.-OWNED CURRENCY TO U.S. CITIZENS, SUCH AS TOURISTS AND BUSINESSMEN, CAN BE IMPLEMENTED ONLY AS PROVIDED IN P.L. 480 SALES AGREEMENTS. IT IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THE CURRENCY IN SYRIA WHICH ACCRUES FROM LOAN REPAYMENTS. THEREFORE, THERE IS NO PROSPECT THAT SALES TO CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE OTHER TYPES OF NON-U.S. GOVERNMENT PERSONS IN SYRIA.

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2. THE FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF 4 FAM 362.2 PROVIDE THAT THE SAME FOREIGN CURRENCY SALES THAT ARE AUTHORIZED IN NON-EXCESS CURRENCY COUNTRIES BY SECTION 362.1 ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED IN EXCESS AND NEAR-EXCESS CURRENCY COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS THE ADDED TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION SALES DETAILED IN 362.2A, B, C AND D.

3. EMBASSY MAY PROVIDE REQUESTED ACCOMMODATION  
EXCHANGE SERVICES AS STATED REFTEL IF THE AID  
CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL FALL WITHIN THE CATEGORIES  
DESCRIBED IN 4 FAM 362.1 OR 362.2. VANCE

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